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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 3763
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MIDDLEMAN et al.	)	Examiner: Cris Rodriguez
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Serial No.: 09/123,614	)	
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Filed: June 28, 1998	)	
	)	Mailed: March 26, 2001
For: Device for Anchoring	)	
Tubular Element	)	Pasadena, California

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2/2/02RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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This is a Response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2001. By this Response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of all presently-pending claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTIn the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows. (For the convenience of the examiner, those claims which are not amended herein are also set forth below as well.)